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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-1977

Question of the separate preparation and submission of the programme
and budget of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization
and of administrative autonomy for the United Nations Industrial
Development Organization

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General reported to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session on the question of the separate preparation and submission of the programme and budget of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and its administrative autonomy (document A/C.5/1616 and Corr.1). The General Assembly, on recommendation of the Fifth Committee, decided to postpone to its thirtieth session the consideration of this question.

2. In the meantime, the Second General Conference of UNIDO, held in Lima from 12 to 26 March 1975, adopted the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation, in which it has proposed to the General Assembly:

"that UNIDO should be converted into a specialized agency. To this end the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the Executive Director of UNIDO, is requested to submit to the seventh special session of the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, draft statutes of a specialized agency for industrial development". 1/

* A/10150.

1/ A/10112, Declaration, para. 69.

The Lima Declaration further stipulated that:

"Pending the conversion of UNIDO into a specialized agency coming into effect, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Executive Director of UNIDO are requested to work out interim arrangements regarding greater autonomy of UNIDO. The Executive Director is requested to report to the Industrial Development Board on such arrangements". 2/

3. The Lima Declaration and Plan of Action, together with the draft statutes of a specialized agency for industrial development, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Executive Director of UNIDO, were considered by the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-ninth session and were transmitted, together with the comments and suggestions made thereon, to the General Assembly at its seventh special session and its thirtieth regular session for appropriate action.

4. In view of the above development, the Secretary-General feels that the question of separate preparation and submission of the programme and budget of UNIDO and its administrative autonomy, on which the General Assembly took the decision referred to in paragraph 1 above, can now be best considered in the context of the subsequent decisions taken by the Second General Conference of UNIDO and the Economic and Social Council (see paras. 2 and 3 above).

5. The Secretary-General and the Executive Director of UNIDO have also consulted with each other, as requested, on the working out of interim arrangements regarding greater autonomy for UNIDO pending the completion of procedures for the conversion of UNIDO into a specialized agency. The Executive Director will report thereon to the Industrial Development Board, as requested.

2/ Ibid., para. 71.